

CLASSIFICATION SECRETCOUNTRY East Germany REPORTTOPIC Military Activity in the Wuensdorf-Jueterbog-Wittenberg-DrachhausenArea and at Camp Schoenhoehe at the Forst Tauer Training GroundsEVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                     DATE OF CONTENT                     DATE OBTAINED                      DATE PREPARED 5 November 1954REFERENCES                     PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)                     REMARKS                     This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 29 September 1954, the bulk of the motor transport unit from the Lutz Kaserne (3603) in Wuensdorf had reportedly left for the Altengrabow maneuver area.

2. At about 1500 on 29 September, approximately 12 T-34/85 tanks                      were unloaded at the spur track of the VEBB in Wuensdorf.<sup>2</sup>

3. At about noon on 1 October, an AAA unit, passed through Wuensdorf and proceeded toward Baruth. The unit consisted of approximately 12 trucks                      8 light AA guns, 1 field kitchen, 1 tank truck and approximately 60 soldiers.<sup>3</sup>

4. At about 1530 on 3 October, a column of approximately 20 trucks with personnel and equipment passed through Trebbin and proceeded toward Zossen.

5. At 0830 on 1 October, approximately 28 trucks                      1 jeep, 1 ambulance, 3 field kitchens, 12 guns and 9 boxcarloads of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were entrained at the Jueterbog-Altes Lager railroad station. The guns had double tires, a slanting protective shield, a short barrel without muzzle brake and a caliber of 70 to 80 mm. caliber. The train left toward Jueterbog at 1230.<sup>5</sup>

6. At about 1700 on 7 October, a train passed through the Jueterbog railroad station and proceeded toward Wittenberg. It carried approximately 25 trucks, 2 ambulances, 1 jeep, 2 field kitchens, 9 x 37-mm AA guns, and 6 armored personnel carriers with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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7. Between 5 and 15 October, the kasernes in Jueterbog-Damm (3203) were again occupied to capacity by approximately 2,000 soldiers of the following units:

An AAA unit with 37-mm and 85-mm guns with protective shield  
 a tank unit with T-34/85 tanks  
 an SP gun unit, which was first observed in August 1954  
 a unit with model ZIS-3 76-mm guns  
 a unit with 85mm AT guns  
 a unit with heavy mortars, presumably of 160 mm

8. Since only little activity was observed at the Jueterbog training grounds, it was assumed that the large exercises had terminated. After about 5 October, the quarters were again occupied to capacity. A few tanks conducted driving practices. A column, which came from the direction of Voehow and proceeded toward Jueterbog on 28 September, consisted of 8 tanks, [redacted] and 4 SP guns [redacted]. The vehicles, which were heavily soiled, apparently returned from an exercise.

9. Between 100 and 150 tons of winter potatoes were shipped to the training grounds by truck; columns [redacted]

10. On 5 and 9 October, the Wittenberg kasernes were only lightly occupied.<sup>8</sup>

11. Between 5 and 7 October, the occupation of Camp Apollensdorf near Wittenberg had increased to between 800 and 1,000 soldiers who wore blue-bordered black and red-bordered black epaulets. On 7 October, more than 30 trucks with pontoons and approximately 20 other trucks were seen in the barracks yard. At 1400 on 5 October, an engineer unit with approximately 40 trucks [redacted]

[redacted] went to the Elbe River, 1 km west of Apollensdorf. About 10 trucks carried steel bridge sections, the other trucks carried pontoons and 2 trucks towed 1 motorboat each. The vehicles were occupied by approximately 200 soldiers. At about 1500, approximately 200 additional soldiers left Camp Apollensdorf for the Elbe section mentioned, while the construction of a heavy bridge across the Elbe River started at the north-south bend of the river about 1.5 km southwest of Apollensdorf. The area was heavily guarded and was restricted as far as the Griebbo area. The bridge was dismantled on 7 October. Iron bridge sections, beams and logs were taken to the camp on trucks.<sup>9</sup>

12. Between 2 and 6 October, guard personnel and only a few soldiers were seen in the barracks installation (3304) in Drachhausen. [redacted] the unit had left for a several-day exercise on 3 October.<sup>10</sup>

13. On 14 October, [redacted] all units stationed in Camp Schoenhoehe at the Forst Tauer training grounds had left for their winter quarters in late September.<sup>11</sup>

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1. Comment. This indicates that motor transport units of the GSFG participated in the large fall maneuvers of the Third Shock Army which started in the Wiesenburg-Altengrabow area on 29 September.
2. Comment. The detraining of tanks, presumably of the 6th Gds Tank Div, at the spur track of the VEAB tends to indicate that they were to be turned in at the tank repair shop of the GSFG in the Panzertruppenschule (3602).
3. Comment. the column belonged to the 2D Gds AAA Div, and possibly moved to the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne (3381) in Rehagen via Neuhof.
4. Comment. the trucks probably belonged to the GSFG and possibly returned from the maneuver of the Third Shock Army. See Comment 1.
5. Comment. A previous report indicated that a shipment with an unidentified artillery unit left Jueterbog toward Dessau on 1 October.
6. Comment. The train may have carried units of the 6th Gds Tank Div.
7. Comment. The units of the 14th Gds Mecz Div, the 47th Gds Mecz Regt and the 2497th AAA Regt, which were believed to be stationed at Jueterbog-Damm (3203), were apparently again at their quarters after 5 October. The tank unit with the T-34/85 tanks and the units with field guns and AT guns probably belong to the mechanized regiment. Since the equipment of a mechanized regiment includes only 120-mm mortars, further information is needed to confirm the 160-mm mortars reported. The SP guns unit, which was first observed in August, is possibly a battalion of the 5th Hv Tank SS division, which, so far, has been believed to be at Jueterbog II. The tanks and SP guns observed on 28 September belonged to this regiment.
8. Comment. The bulk of the 6th Gds Tank Div was apparently stationed at Camp Werder-Markendorf near Jueterbog until 9 October.
9. Comment. Camp Apollensdorf was occupied by 300 to 400 soldiers, presumably of the 120th Gds Engr Bn of the 6th Gds Tank Div on 31 August.
10. Comment. On 3 October, elements of the 80th Gds Hv SP Regt of the 9th Mecz Div presumably left for exercises in the vicinity of their post.
11. Comment. elements of the 9th Mecz Div returned from fall exercises of the division as early as 28 and 29 September.

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